

## THE DEVIL LOOKS ONLY FOR LIVE ONES, SAYS COX

An unusual baptismal service was held at Central Baptist church Sunday night, at which time the pastor, Ben Cox, baptized among others two married couples, the wives being cousins, and each couple entering the water together. Dr. Cox said that he had never before had just such an experience.

"Temptation" was the subject of Dr. Cox's sermon Sunday morning. "An old lady," Dr. Cox said, "once came to her pastor very much discouraged because the devil was always tempting her. The wise pastor replied 'Do not forget, my sister, that the devil wastes no bait on dead fish.'"

"There are a great host of people in Memphis who are perfectly easy in the service of the devil; he knows he has them already, and therefore does not need to tempt them. They are already 'led captive by the devil at his will.' There are many Christians in Memphis who seem to be really born again—they have some life, but seem to be affected with partial spiritual paralysis. The devil's temptations do not seem to bother them very much either. It goes without saying, that the more spiritual you are and the closer you live to Christ, the more the devil covets you for his service; the more insidious, insistent, and persistent will be his temptations.

"It has been aptly suggested that in this as in warfare, the devil has three methods of attack. First, his sudden siege, when he seeks to hurry us blindfolded into sin. The mess of pottage is all ready for a famishing man. The temptation of Jesus to make bread of stones after a forty days fast. The devil knows how to find the weak places, and our only safety is in having on the 'whole armor of God' whereby we may be able to resist all the wiles of the devil."

"Secondly, there is the method of long siege in which he seeks to wear us out. If we yield to him we shall, like Elijah, find ourselves under the Juniper tree, miserable and discouraged, instead of being happy in the service of the Lord. A man sold his farm for a small price, and the buyer soon after found a rich mine thereon. So may a Christian sell his privileges. If I remember correctly, some rich diamond mines in Africa were purchased for a vest or a pair of shoes. And thirdly, there is the method of subtle strategy and camouflage used wonderfully in the recent world war; the devil has always been the grand past master in camouflage. He started this method in the Garden of Eden and has been following it ever since.

"First, he tempted them to doubt God's word with the question: 'Hast thou said?' and when he had succeeded in making her believe that the fruit was 'good for food,' 'pleasant to the eye' and would 'make one wise,' his victory against Satan was complete. 'Our only security against Satan is the Savior. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin' and 'being tempted He is able to succor them that are tempted.' Thank God we can 'come boldly to a throne of grace and obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'"

## DRY NOMINEE DENIES HE OFFERED TO QUIT

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 27.—Rev. Aaron S. Watkins, prohibition candidate for president, last night denied the report that offers had been made by the Prohibition party to the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees of his withdrawal if either Gov. Cox or Senator Harding would announce they would enforce and not seek to weaken the Volstead law. "I am going to run for president," he said, "regardless of the stand of Republicans or Democrats."

Rev. Watkins, who has just returned from a Prohibition convention in Washington, said the world never will run smoothly until alcoholism has been completely abolished.

There was a large audience at Linwood Methodist Episcopal church today when Mr. Watkins, as newly-appointed pastor of the church, preached his first sermon.

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## Sub-Mu-Loc Club Books Excursion

The Sub-Mu-Loc club of this city has succeeded in booking a date on the new excursion steamer Capitol for a moonlight excursion dance on the night of Wednesday, Sept. 29 and tickets are now being offered for sale by all of the members.

The new steamer Capitol is owned and operated by the Streckfus Steamboat Line of St. Louis and was completed last spring in time to open the season at Davenport, Iowa, on Decoration Day, and since then has been plying excursions continuously at all of the river towns between St. Louis and St. Paul, and is now en route to New Orleans where it will continue to operate through the winter.

Thirty-five hundred passengers can be accommodated on the five decks, and the Dreamland Rainbow Dancing Palace can take care of one thousand couples. The arrangement and interior decorations are unique and very beautiful and the dancing palace is super-ventilated so that an even temperature can be maintained at all times.

## Local Marines Have Exhibit At Fair

There is a little tent out at the fairgrounds that attracted considerable attention Saturday and Sunday; it's the exhibit of the Marine corps, the "Soldiers of the Sea."

Private Emmett E. Jowers and Robert McK. Henry, U.S.M.C., who are attached to the local station of the Marines at the Odd Fellows' building, are in charge, and during the past two days have been busy answering inquiries about the large assortment of equipment under their charge, which consists of trumpets, drums, shelter halves, field shoes, helmets, gas masks, Browning rifle, pistols, rifles, bayonets, heliograph, rifle grenade, hand grenades, wire cutters and numerous other articles.

## 200 CASES ON DOCKET.

HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 27.—Federal court opened the fall term here today with 200 cases on the criminal docket, the largest number of cases ever set for one term here.

## ANATOLE FRANCE TO WED.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Anatole France, the author, is to be married soon to Mile Emma La Prevotte, according to an announcement in L'Oeuvre.

CAMDEN, Ark.—Virtually every property owner in Camden has signed a petition for a voluntary increase of six mills to the present school tax of 12 mills, to take care of the added expense of the Camden schools.

PADUCAH, Ky.—On charges of theft from an interstate shipment, four employees of the Illinois Central railroad here arrested here by Deputy United States Marshal Kimbell. Those arrested were Harold Bone, B. W. Whipple, Q. L. Smith and Ted Williams.

## Says More Puritans Turned South Than Stayed In Plymouth

"Do you know there are more daughters of the Puritans in the Mississippi valley than there are in the immediate territory where our Pilgrim Mothers landed three hundred years ago," asked William E. Clark, in his sermon on "The Pilgrim Mothers and Daughters of the Puritans," at the Unitarian church in the majestic Sunday morning.

"Whenever you find a mother who is careful about the training of her children—careful to see that they are kept out of bad company—careful to see that they are led in the paths of economy, industry and of righteousness—there you will find a daughter of the Puritans; and unless we get that lesson out of this celebration of the 300th anniversary of their coming to America, then our celebration will be in vain."

In commemoration of the event, Mr. Clark had on the printed program of his services a picture of the First church at Plymouth that was founded by the Pilgrims in 1620. This church has had a continuous ministry since being founded by the Pilgrims, and is still using the same covenant that held the Pilgrims together in Christian worship 300 years ago.

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## RAILROADS ASKED TO ERECT COTTON SHEDS

JACKSON, Tenn., Sept. 27. (Spl.) The Jackson Association of Commerce has mailed letters to the industrial agents of the different railroads entering Jackson, requesting that more adequate provisions be made to shelter cotton stored on the railway platforms for shipment. It is pointed out in the communications that cotton has been greatly damaged at the local terminals in the past, resulting in an appreciable loss to all parties concerned. The hope expressed is that the increased freight rates will enable the railroads to comply with this request.

SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 27.—The annual St. Louis district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church ended here yesterday. Bishop Wm. A. Quayle, who presided, announced assignments, including: Arkansas: District—D. W. Britton, superintendent. Almyria, R. J. Rail; Amity to be supplied by W. O. Miller; Beebe, J. W. Due; Bentonville, J. R. Campbell; Belton and Bismark to be supplied by W. C. Miller; Bradford to be supplied: Cave City, Howell Smith; Cushman, H. J. Davis; Dublin, I. J. Henderson; Ellsworth, T. W. Read; Eureka Springs, to be supplied: Everton and St. Joe, H. N. Lewis; Fort Smith, H. H. Tyford; Gillette, E. T. Radley; Harrison, J. H. Hayward; Heber Springs, E. J. Downing; Hobbs, John H. Hobbs; Jasper to be supplied: Jasper circuit to be supplied: Judsonia, F. F. Bernstorff; Lincoln, M. F. Layman; Little Rock, Scott Street, W. A. Reese; Mansfield, L. A. Fox; Mena, to be supplied: Morrilton circuit, W. W. Little; Pottsville, J. W. Manney; Rogers, H. R. Osborne; Russellville, G. R. Lemming; St. Paul, T. J. Wilson; St. Paul's circuit, F. M. Lonin.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENS.

The Sunday school of the Hebrew Educational Alliance began its regular sessions Sunday morning at Barton Hirsch synagogue, where a special program of unusual interest was rendered by the children of the school.

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